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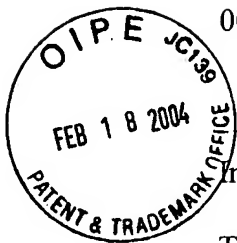
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TETSU FUKUDA, et al.

Application No.: 10/660,674

Filed: September 12, 2003

For: RECEIVING APPARATUS
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Group Art Unit: 2643

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese document is enclosed.

U.S. Publication No. 2002/0051083
U.S. Publication No. 2002/0016964
Japan 2001-359073

Applicants also respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the following

U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>
10/679,334	October 7, 2003	N/Y/A	03560.003371.
09/579,532	May 26, 2000	2711	03500.014514.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for each of the foregoing U.S. Applications is enclosed.


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It is noted that the foregoing Japanese document is discussed in the specification of the subject application and may be deemed relevant for the reasons given therein. In addition, an English language abstract for the Japanese document has been located and is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese document is believed to be satisfied by one of the English abstract and the discussion provided in the specification. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

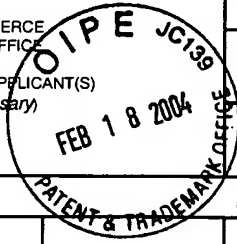
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